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PREPARATORY WORKING

REF: A.STATE 71647 B. TEHRAN 2852 C. TEHRAN 2825 D.STATE 68703

1. TRANSPORTATION: WE HAVE NOW SUBMITTED TO MEHRAN SUGGESTION THAT FOUR DOT SURVEY TEAMS VISIT TEHRAN EARLY APRIL AND REQUEST FOR MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORTATION APRIL 14-15 WASHINGTON AS OUTLINED REFTELS A AND B.
2. IF DOT WISHES TO SEND SURVEY TEAMS AT THIS TIME,, EMBASSY ACQUIESCES, NOTING THAT SHORT LEAD TIME AND NOW-RUZ BACK-UP OF WORK MAY PRECLUDE IRANIAN ACCEPTANCE. EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES THAT PORTS AND SHIPPING SURVEY COULD BEST BE INCORPORATED WITH TRADE MISSION ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF PROPOSED TIMING OF WORKING GROUP, REALIZE THAT SUCH COORDINATION NOT FEASIBLE.
3. IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED VISITS OF FOUR TEAMS, WE REEMPHASIZE PARA 3 OF TEHRAN 2582, EXPRESSING GOI VIEW THAT COSTS OF US PRE-LIMINARY STUDY TEAMS, WORKING GROUP DELEGATIONS, ETC ARE PROPERLY BORNE IN TOTO BY USG.
4. HEALTH WORKING GROUP: IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM SUBSEQUENT THAT

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NOTED IN TEHRAN 2582, MEHRAN STATED HIS IMPRESSION THAT HOSPITAL

PROJECTS ARE MOVING ALONG VERY WELL AND THAT HE QUESTIONS WHETHER THERE IS PARTICULAR NEED FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING ON HEALTH AT THIS TIME. HE HAS, NEVERTHELESS, TO TOUCH BASE WITH HIS COLLEAGUES ON THIS SUBJECT AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS FOR WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED WORKING GROUPS. EMBASSY SHARES THIS ASSUMPTION, CONSIDERING THAT PROPOSALS FOR PRIVATE RECRUITMENT OF HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN PUT FORTH (SEE STATE 67442) AND THAT AMERICAN MEDICORP HAS ALREADY RECEIVED PORTION OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH HOSPITAL PROJECT (ONLY GOI HOSPITAL PROJECT IN ADVANCED BIDDING STAGE) WITH OTHER US HOSPITAL COMPANIES IN STRONG POSITION TO WIN CONTRACTS FOR REMAINING PORTION OF MIN HEALTH PROJECT.

5. HOUSING: MEHRAN AGREES TO MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING CONCURRENTLY WITH ECONOMY AND FINANCE MEETING APRIL 21-22. GOI PROPOSING THAT ZAVAN-ZERAYER SIMONIAN, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HOUSING, CHAIR WORKING GROUP, ASSUMING THAT US GROUP CHAIRED BY PERSON OF EQUIVALENT RANK. (FYI: PRESENCE OF SIMONIAN, WHO IS HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE, WILL BE A DEFINITE PLUS.)
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